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FOOD SITUATION FOR WORLD WARS I AND II COMPARED. . . . Yesterday War Food Administrator Jones sent to all members of Congress a brief statement as to what has actually been done in the production and use of food during this war as compared with World War I. Here are the facts presented by the War Food Administrator:

The United States has produced 50 percent more food annually in this war than in World War I.

With ten percent fewer workers on farms, and with total national population up a third, our people have had about 10 percent more food per capita during this war than in the 1917-18 period.

During the present conflict, twice as much food has gone annually to the armed services and for overseas shipments as was used for these non-civilian outlets each year of the last war.

The Administrator also points out that this record has been accomplished despite a shortage of labor and machinery, and other handicaps. "In view of the fact," he said, "that the primary obligation of the WFA is to assist in securing war food production, we take pride in this magnificent production record." Accompanying the statement was a tabulation showing production of selected agricultural products, total population, farm employment and index numbers of food consumption and agricultural production for selected years.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . May 18, the House passed a bill amending various farm credit laws; the House Rules Committee cleared a bill (previously passed by the Senate) to continue RFC subsidies on flour, butter, and meats. May 21, the House Food Investigation Committee submitted its report; the House passed a bill (previously passed by the Senate) to provide for farm machinery priorities for farmers in the flood areas, but the bill does not include the re-appropriation of funds for flood restoration loans to farmers, since this provision is being handled by the Appropriations Committee; the House sent to conference committee the bill authorizing additional appropriations for extension work; the House received the President's recommendation that two million dollars be deducted from the 1945 appropriation for WFA salaries and expenses; the Senate confirmed Lilienthal's re-nomination as TVA Chairman. May 22, the House began debate on the trade agreements bill. May 24, both Houses received the President's message recommending legislation to authorize him to re-organize the Executive branch; the Senate received the nominations of Clinton P. Anderson to be Secretary of Agriculture and Claude R. Wickard to be REA Administrator.

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INDUSTRIAL VICTORY GARDENS will be discussed on the June 2 YOUR HOME AND GARDEN show. Wm. E. Lyons, supervisor of Victory gardens for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, is scheduled as a guest on the program. Up-to-date news for homemakers by Ruth Van Deman as usual.

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CROP INSURANCE MEETINGS SCHEDULED. . . . Four regional meetings have been scheduled to discuss plans and procedures for insuring the 1946 cotton crop. The place and dates of the meetings are: Denver, Colo., June 12-13 (the 1946 flax insurance program will also be taken up at the Denver meeting); Oklahoma City, Okla., June 15-16; Memphis, Tenn., June 18-19; and Atlanta, Ga., June 21-22. In addition to representatives of the Triple-A offices from each of the states of the respective areas, officials of the FCIC and the Triple-A Washington office will attend.

State meetings are to be held soon to make plans for sales campaigns for 1946 winter wheat insurance. This insurance will be sold on the basis of 3-year contracts beginning with the 1946 crop.

Tentative figures on the 1945 crop insurance sign-up show that about 98,000 applications were received for cotton insurance covering some 117,000 farms; 15,000 applications for spring wheat covering about 26,000 farms; and 30,000 applications for insurance on flax covering 36,000 farms. Incomplete returns on the trial insurance on tobacco in 13 representative counties add up to 13,000 applications received, and for trial insurance on corn in 15 representative counties, 10,000 applications.

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PREMIERE' SHOWINGS OF "SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T EAT," The Walt Disney nutrition film, will be held June 26 in Washington, D. C., New York City, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. A welcome by M. L. Wilson has been filmed as a prologue for the premiere' in each city except Washington, where he will appear in person. The showings will be held under the joint sponsorship of State and local nutrition committees, WFA, and OWI. Invitations will be sent to members of local and State nutrition committees, public officials, lay organizations, trade associations, representatives of the 7 basic food industry groups, and others. Plans are under way for special programs featuring prominent speakers. The film will be released to first-run commercial theaters on June 28. Announcement was made in the March 24 Calendar that a preview would be held in Los Angeles or San Francisco. Since then it was decided to have one in both cities.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Popular Publications for the Farmer and Homemaker, List No. 5 (rev. Apr. 1945) 42 p.; Don't Kill the Forest Goose, AIS 13, 11 p.; Workers in Subjects Pertaining to Agriculture in Land-Grant Colleges and Experiment Stations--1944-45, Misc. Pub. No. 556, 164 p.; Little Leaf Disease of Pine, Circ. No. 716, 15 p.; Seasonal Changes in Florida Grapefruit, Tech. Bul. No. 886, 100 p.; Investigations in Erosion Control and the Reclamation of Eroded Land at the Northwest Appalachian Conservation Experiment Station, Zanesville, Ohio, 1934-42, Tech. Bul. No. 888, 95 p.; Measuring Productive Capacity of Pastures Through Maintenance Studies with Mature Steers, Tech. Bul. No. 890, 20 p.; Pattern Alteration, Farmers' Bulletin No. 1968, 40 p.; Potato Production in the Western States, Farmers' Bul. No. 1843, 59 p. (rev. Apr. 1945).

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STATEMENT ON LIVESTOCK PAYMENTS. . . . A background statement on payments to cattle feeders under the beef subsidy program recently announced by War Mobilization Director Vinson is being prepared. It will be sent to AAA committeemen and other usual channels as requested by the various agencies of the Department.

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PAUL C. STARK BECOMES DIRECTOR OF HOME FOOD SUPPLY. . . . The President yesterday announced the appointment by War Food Administrator Jones of Paul C. Stark of Louisiana, Missouri, as Director of Home Food Supply. The activities of this new office will be under the War Food Administration and the purpose will be to coordinate the work of the various government agencies affecting the food supply produced or conserved in the home. In making this announcement the President urged that all make every effort to increase the production of food in the Nation's Victory Gardens by enlarged and continuous plantings. Home preservation of food this year, in his opinion, is just as important as production in view of the increased war requirements for commercially processed foods.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Hog support price broadened to include all weights--933; Champion cow in Beltsville (Md) herd--934; WFA lifts potato shipping restrictions in Maine--936; WFA bean subsidy continued to Aug. 31, 1945--941; Forest Service measures against Jap bomb balloons--949; Jones' letter to Congress on food production--957; Paul C. Stark named Director of Home Food Supply--963.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . May 21 through June 20 ceiling prices announced for eggplant and sweet peppers--OPA-5590; Grapefruit ceilings will remain unchanged through August 31--OPA-5587; Adjustments already granted by WFA may be reflected in Class 2 slaughterers' interim quotas--OPA-5586; OPA amends control order 1 wherein it relates to the amount of livestock that may be slaughtered by class 2 slaughterers--OPA-5585; OPA's enforcement action in connection with the ten-point-meat-program--OPA-5594; Measures affecting class 2 slaughterers under OPA's livestock slaughter program--OPA-5596, 5598; Dealer allotments for tractor-implement tires will no longer be granted--OPA-5574; Huge quantities of counterfeit and stolen ration currency kept off market by OPA--OPA-5581.

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WHEN COTTON FABRICS WILL BE MORE PLENTIFUL and why they are scarcer than ever this summer will be told on the June 2 CONSUMER TIME show. Recent rulings of WPB and OPA which will increase the supply of essential cotton clothing in low price ranges will be explained. Listeners will also hear how to care for cotton fabrics and will be offered a booklet entitled "A B C's of Mending." On June 9, the 12th anniversary of Consumer Time will be celebrated with a program entitled "Acting our Age."

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FORTHCOMING MOVIES. . . . Photography has been completed and editing has begun on the following films: "HAYMAKING," "QUERER ES PODER," "SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS," and "FARMERS FACE THE FUTURE" (a movie on wartime and postwar crop production and distribution problems). They are tentatively scheduled for release in July "Querer Es Poder" to Puerto Rico only. More about them later.

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THE REGULAR OPA BROADCAST over the Blue Network Thursday, May 31, at 4:15 p.m., EWT, will be an address by Price Administrator Chester Bowles about the renewal of the Price Control Act.

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